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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. The Secretary of State

> THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY The Director of Central Intelligence

A National Security Council meeting will be convened the week of April 19, 1982 to address Caribbean Basin and Central American policy. The meeting will focus on policies we should pursue through 1984 in pursuit of our critical interests. Decisions already taken or announced in NSDD's 17 and 21, as well as the materials developed on El Salvador originally due on March 30 should be incorporated into the supporting materials.

The DCI should develop an assessment of the security situation in the Caribbean and Central America, external sources of support and likely threats to regional stability through 1984.

State should identify critical U.S. interests in the region and feasible policy measures for securing these interests.

The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, should outline military options which would support feasible policy choices.

The Regional Management Group (CORE) should complete a draft discussion paper suitable for NSC review, to be forwarded by April 15, 1982.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

NSC Review

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